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HOME DEPARTMENT
MANAN BHAWAN
GANGTOK 737101**

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NOTIFICATION

In supersession of Notification No. 19/Home/2007 dated 13.03.2007 and 07/Home/2010 dated 02.02.2010, the State Government is pleased to reconstitute the Board of Visitors at District Level for the District Prisons to monitor correctional programs, suggesting new avenues for improvement and to examine individual or collective grievances of the Prisoners comprising of the following members namely:-

BOARD OF VISITORS

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

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| 1. District Magistrate | : | Chairman |
| 2. Chief Medical Officer of the District | : | Member |
| 3. Joint Director, Agriculture Department | : | Member |
| 4. Divisional Engineer, Building & Housing Department | : | Member |
| 5. Superintendent of Prisons | : | Member Secretary |
| 6. Director, Health Care, Human Service & Family Welfare department, Government of Sikkim | : | Member |
| 7. Special Secretary, SSLSA, Gangtok | : | Member |
| 8. Superintending Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering & Water Security | : | Member |
| 9. Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), Forest, Environment & Welfare Management Department, Government of Sikkim | : | Member |
| 10. State Informatics Officer, National Informatics Centre, Gangtok | : | Member |

NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS - EAST DISTRICT

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| 1. Shri Sonam Dadul Bhutia, Hon'ble M.L.A | : | Member |
| 2. Mrs.Mingma Lhamu Bhutia, President Tarmulam Association, Mangan, North Sikkim | : | Member |
| 3. Shri Phurba Tamang, Social Worker-cum-Ex-Panchayat President, Chongey, East Sikkim | : | Member |

SOUTH DISTRICT

NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS

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| 1. Smt.Tilu Gurung, Hon'ble M.L.A | : Member |
| 2. Mrs.Aruna Pariyar, Social Worker & I/C Sanjeevani Rehab Centre, Namchi | : Member |
| 3. Shri Moses Subba, Sajeevani Rehab Centre, Namchi | : Member |

By order and in the name of the Governor

- (2) The minutes of every meeting of the Board of Visitors shall be recorded in the Visitors Minute book and the same shall be forwarded to the D.I.G./Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prison with the comment of the In-charge of the District Jail. A copy of the minutes shall be dispatched to every member of the Board of Visitors.
- (3) The D.I.G./Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prison shall place a copy of the minutes of the meeting of Board of Visitors of all the Prisons before the State Advisory Board
- (4) the Chairman of the Board of Visitors if so desires will make a monthly rooster of visits to be paid by the member of the Board to the Prison in consultation with the Superintendent of Prisons.
- (5) During the visits a Visitor will enjoy the right to converse with any prisoner who is willing to talk to the visitors. However, such separate interaction between a visitor and a prisoner shall be held in a place within the Prison wall within the sight of the Prison Officer.
- (6) The visitor, immediately after such conversation with the prisoner shall inform the Chairman of the Board in writing about what transpired in the conversation with the Prisoner. The Chairman, if he thinks necessary shall take up the matter with the Superintendent of Prisons.
- (7) The member of the Board of Visitors shall especially attend to the quality and quantity of Prison diet condition of the kitchen, medical treatment of prisoners and sanitary arrangement for the prisoners.
- (8) The Superintendent of Prisons shall present before the visiting member/members of the Board Visitors any paper, documents pertaining to correctional works, recreation, prison diet, medicines, grievances of prisoners and follow redressal of such grievances, if it is sought by a visiting member of the Board.
- (9) The Superintendent of Prisons shall not be bound to present any register/documents/ paper pertaining to financial account before the member of the Board of Visitors.
- (10) Following any such visits by the member/members of the Board of Visitors, the Superintendent of Prisons shall inform the D.I.G./Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prison regarding the details of the visit.
- (11) A Non-Official member of the Board of Visitors shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his appointment to the Board and may be considered for reappointment

- (12) The State Government reserves the right to cancel appointment of any Non-Official visitor at any time without assigning any reason thereof.
- (13) A Non-Official member of the Board of Visitors shall receive allowances as may be prescribed by the State Government from time to time for attending meeting of the Board of Visitors.
- (14) The Board of Visitors shall ordinarily not visit high security cell unless the instruction in this behalf is granted by the D.I.G/ Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prisons except for the Chairman.

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